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Applicants : Daniel J. O'Mahony and Michela Seveso
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GIT RECEPTORS AND RELATED METHODS
Group : 1643
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action of June 8, 2001.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1 - 3, with traverse.

Election of a single disclosed species

In this regard, the Examiner has identified 3 patentably distinct species; Zelan033, Zelan088, and Zelan053. Given the language of the elected claims, Applicants believe that the 3 distinct species should be:

- 1) antibodies or antibody fragments wherein the GIT targeting agent is Zelan033;

2) antibodies or antibody fragments wherein the GIT targeting agent is Zelan088;

and

3) antibodies or antibody fragments wherein the GIT targeting agent is Zelan053.

As a result, Applicants elect the following species: antibodies or antibody fragments wherein the GIT targeting agent is Zelan033.

However, should Applicants be wrong and the Examiner be correct in formulating what the 3 distinct species are, then Applicants elect the following species: Zelan033.

List of Claims readable on the elected species

In the elected Group I, all 3 claims are readable on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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